COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, *the* $\frac{\textit{6th February 1947}}{\textit{24th Makaram 1122}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.) in the Chair.

Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar, Messrs. Paramel Ipe Ipe, M. I. Paul and B. V. K. Menon were absent.

I QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PRICE OF EXTRA SUGAR—ENHANCEMENT OF

152. Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what exactly is the motive and purpose of Government in enunciating a new policy of exacting 8 annas per lb. from those who demand extra sugar;

(*b*) whether Government have even come across any such precedent in any other Native State or British Indian Province;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that much of the sugar sold to the poor are being disposed of in the blackmarket at an alarmingly high price to the rich and to tea shop owners;

(*d*) that by translating this startling and singular new policy into sudden practice there is only going to be a terrible increase in blackmarketing of sugar;

(*e*) is not the Government fully aware that the present ration of sugar allowed for each household is not enough even to satisfy the need of a single child?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) The price of special issue of sugar has been enhanced to 10 annas per lb. to reduce the consumption of sugar as our quota is very limited.

(*b*) No information is available.

(*c*) No. The general instructions are that sugar should be issued only to those who actually require it and that too at the scale of ration fixed.

(*d*) No. The policy is neither startling nor singular.

(*e*) Government are aware that the present ration of sugar is not sufficient.

KADAMAKUDY—FOOT PATH—CONDITION OF

153. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the foot path now existing from north to south of Kadamakudy is too narrow and marshy and thereby the people have to suffer immensely during monsoon?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) Yes. The road will be repaired this year.

Mr. SANGAMESWARA AYYAR—THASILDAR—PARTICULARS REGARDING

154. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ഒയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) മുകുന്ദപുരം താസിൽദാർ മിസ്റ്റർ എം. വി. സംഗമേശ്വരയ്യരുടെ കുടുംബം ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള പേരുകൾ അല്ലെ താമസം;

(ബി) അദ്ദേഹം പലപ്പോഴും കുടുംബത്തിലേക്കു് പോകുന്നതിനാൽ, താസിൽദാർ സ്ഥലത്തു പലപ്പോഴും ഇല്ലാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ പേപ്പട്ടികടി പറ്റിയ ചില സാധുക്കൾ നിർഭാഗ്യസൂചികയാലും ചിലർ മാടുകളെ കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനു പെർമിറ്റിനും വന്നു നിരാശരായി കഷ്ടപ്പെടേണ്ടതായിവരുന്നു എന്നുള്ള: എതു ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ ഇതിനകം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലേക്കു കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടു";

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